



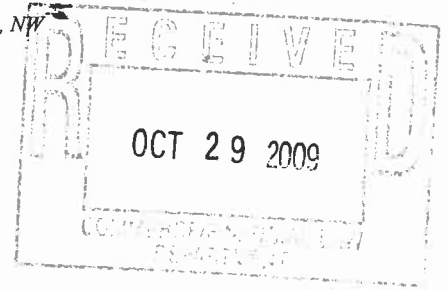
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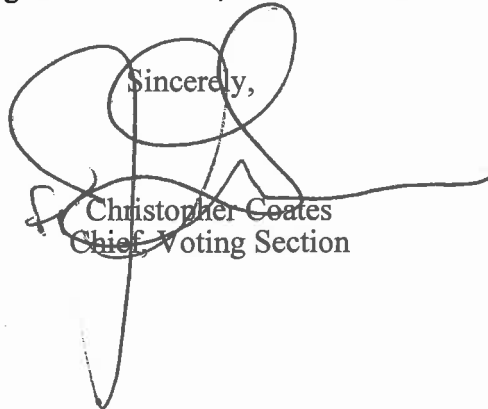
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Dear Mr. Hopper:

This refers to the State Board of Elections Policy No. 2009-005, which defines "resident", "residency" and "domicile" for the purpose of qualifying for voter registration for the State of Virginia, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on September 1, 2009.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified change. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the change. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,



Christopher Coates  
Chief, Voting Section